

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10 and 33-35 are pending in the application. By this amendment, Claims 1 and 10 are amended.

Maintained Rejections

A Double Patenting rejection has been maintained. Applicant submits that once some indication of allowable claims is made, a terminal disclaimer will be filed.

New Rejections

Claims 1-8, 10 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Castillo, Hornbeck, Grainger, Cross and Roach.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to add step "(c) whereby spherical amyloid plaques are formed that demonstrate a Maltese-cross pattern when stained with Congo Red and viewed under polarized light". Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references individually teach such a feature, nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at this feature by a combination of cited references. Reconsideration and removal of the rejections are requested in view of the claim amendments and remarks herein.

Applicant believes they have responded fully to all of the Examiner's concerns. If the Examiner has any further concerns please contact Rebecca Eagen at (425) 823-0400 x39.

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